

FOCUS ON THE ARTS

CULTURAL ARTS

FALL 2000

Rockville Wants You to Turn in Arts Supporters!

Know a person or organization who you believe should be recognized for nurturing the arts in Rockville? Turn them in!

Rockville is seeking nominations for the 2001 Rockville Arts Awards, which will honor individuals, arts organizations, and arts patrons (corporate and private) for their involvement in and support of the arts in our city.

The awards, now in their fourth year, were established to encourage and honor artistic excellence in its many forms in Rockville. The City's Mayor and Council and the Cultural Arts Commission sponsor the awards.

ARTS AWARDS CATEGORIES: There are four arts awards categories for which you can make nominations. They include:

- **Rockville High School Student (grades nine through 12) for Achievement in the Performing, Visual, and Literary Arts**
This award is presented to individual students who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in theater, dance, music, visual, or literary arts. Students must live in or attend school within the corporate limits of the City of Rockville.
- **Volunteer Support to the Arts in Rockville**
This award is presented to an individual or organization that has provided support to the arts through ongoing efforts or a special arts project for which no financial compensation for provision of time and talents was received.
- **Corporate and Business Support to the Arts in Rockville**
This award is presented to a business that has made a major contribution to the arts in Rockville via: financial support, in-kind service, arts-related programming, provision of a facility use to an arts group, enhancement of a public space with a public art project, or other arts-related efforts that have benefited the community.
- **Lifetime Achievement for Work with the Visual, Performing, or Literary Arts.**
This award is presented to an individual who has consistently made significant contributions to the arts either through excellence in the creation of an art form (visual, performing, or literary) or through support to the arts in Rockville.

NOMINATING PROCEDURE: To nominate an individual or organization, you must submit a nomination form by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, 2000. The forms are available at Rockville City Hall. The completed form should be sent to:

City of Rockville Arts Awards
Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park
603 Edmonston Dr., Rockville, MD 20851

Note: No individuals or organizations may nominate themselves.

SELECTION PROCESS: The selection process includes the reviewing of all nominations by an independent panel of knowledgeable and distinguished representatives of regional arts community, businesses, and schools. The City names the winners at the Rockville Arts Sampler on March 11, 2001, at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at Rockville Civic Center Park. The City's Arts Division, part of the Department of Recreation and Parks, administers the awards.

Note: All awards are determined at the discretion of the panel. The panel is under no obligation to make an award in each category or be limited to only one award in any given category.

For more information about the 2001 Rockville Arts Awards, call the City's Arts Division at 301-309-3357.

PAST WINNERS: Since the inception of the Arts Awards in 1997, the City has honored many talented and giving Rockville residents. High School Student Achievement honorees include: Michelle Siu Lee (1997); Joshua Fein (1998); Jessica Hernandez (1998); Christopher Lees (1998); Jae Woo Lee (2000); and Becki Pskowski (2000). Volunteer Support honorees include: Murray Stein (1997); Rockville Art League (1997); Dr. Chris Kuyatt (1998); Bill Pressly (1998); and Elliot Fein (2000). Business support honorees include: Peaberry's Cafe (1997); The Leaf Through (1998); and The Gazette Newspapers (2000). Lifetime Achievement honorees include: Eileen Mader (1997); Peg Sante (1998); and John Moser (2000). ■



The Nutcracker

Under the direction of Claudia Mangan, the Rockville Civic Ballet will present this holiday classic.

Saturday, December 2 & 9
2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 3
1 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 10
2:30 p.m.

**F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
at Rockville Civic Center Park**

TICKET PRICES:
\$7 General Admission
\$5 Children (ages 12 & under) & Senior Citizens (ages 60 & older)

GROUP RATES:
\$4.50 each for 10 or more children/senior citizens;
\$6.50 each for 7 or more general admission

Assigned seat tickets may be purchased in advance at City Hall, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by mail beginning November 1.



Mark Your Calendar for the Rockville Arts Sampler

Sunday, March 11, 2001
3 to 5 p.m.
F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre

Back by popular demand, the Rockville Arts Sampler will offer a flavor of all of the City's resident theatre groups. There will be vignettes by the Rockville Concert Band, the Rockville Community Chorus, the Rockville Civic Ballet, the Victorian Lyric Opera Company, the National Chamber Orchestra, the Rockville Little Theatre, and the Rockville Musical Theatre.

A scrumptious tea – complete with finger sandwiches, scones, fruit breads, and a variety of teas – will be served.

The afternoon will be topped off with the awards presentation of the 2001 Rockville Arts Awards.

Watch for more information in early 2001. Tickets will go on sale in late January. Call 301-309-3357 for more information. ■



Rockville Celebrates the New Millennium

The new millennium is in full swing, and the City's Millennium Committee is striving to make sure the entry into the 21st century is a momentous one for Rockville.

The committee kicked off Rockville's millennium celebration on July 4, 1999, at the City's Independence Day concert and fireworks show, and the committee has much more to offer throughout the year.

Take a look at what's happening:



Fire Hydrant Art

As you walk along the streets of Town Center, you'll notice that some fire hydrants look a little different from the normal red and black fire plugs. As part of the City's millennium celebration, students from city schools are painting 20 hydrants in the Town Center area.

To date, Christ Episcopal School's third grade class painted one hydrant with a house, tree, and sun, and Rockville Terrace High School students painted another to look like a dalmatian.

This fall, the City hopes to have children from each of the city's schools participate in the Fire Hydrant Art project.

The hydrants will be repainted to their original colors in spring 2001.



Tell Your Family Story

My History is America's History is a program to help explore your family's history and learn more about your place in the making of our nation. As part of the program, Rockville residents will learn how to interview their relatives, preserve family photos and heirlooms, put their family's journey into historical context, and more.

There will be a session on Family Tree Making on Oct. 17 and Nov. 28 at the Senior Center from 7 to 9 p.m. You must pre-register by Oct. 6. Check the Fall Recreation Guide for more information.

Millennium Garden



The City, along with the help of community garden clubs and Julius West Middle School

sixth graders, has created a Millennium Garden at the intersection of Falls Rd. and Potomac Valley Rd. just off the Falls Rd. exit of I-270.

The garden consists of indigenous plants, rocks, and trees of Maryland. Residents and students worked with City staff to design, plant, and maintain the garden.

Be sure to drop by and see this wonderful site.

Millennium Quilt



Earlier this year, the City and the Millennium Committee asked residents for help creating the Millennium Quilt, and the response was fabulous. The City received numerous quilt blocks from Rockville residents.

Now you can view the completed, official Millennium Quilt and two wall hangings at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

The quilt will be on display throughout the year at various City events and facilities.

Millennium Trail



Rockville's Millennium Trail is designed as a circle connecting all areas of Rockville. Like the spokes of a wheel, its axis will connect the trail to the revitalized Town Center.

In conjunction with the City's Bikeway Committee, the Millennium Committee has promoted the opening of the Millennium Trail, which has been designated by the White House Millennium Council as an official Community Millennium Trail.

Millennium Car Display

On Saturday, Oct. 14, Rockville will commemorate more than 100 years of the auto with a millennium display at the Antique and Classic Car Show, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Rockville Civic Center Park.

The event will feature a special section that will feature a unique display of vehicles that represent each year from 1898 to 2001. It will include such makes as Stanley, Packard, La Salle, Nash, Edsel, and International Harvester. In addition to the millennium display, the annual car show will showcase more than 500 antique and classic cars and auto-related memorabilia.

This event is free to spectators and will take place at Rockville Civic Center Park, located at 603 Edmonston Dr. For directions to the park, call 301-309-3007.

The raindate for the event is Saturday, Oct. 21. ■



A White House Millennium Community

Thanks to the efforts of the City's Millennium Committee, Rockville has been designated as a White House Millennium Community. The committee, appointed by the Mayor and Council, submitted Rockville and its array of millennial events for this honor.

FREE TO SPECTATORS!

CITY OF ROCKVILLE'S ANNUAL

Antique & Classic Car Show

Saturday, October 14
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Rain Date: Saturday, October 21

Featuring:

- More than 500 vintage vehicles
- Millennium display to celebrate the automobile industry in the 20th century — One vehicle will represent each year from 1898-2001.
- Rock'n Ville Swing Band
- Food and Beverages
- Children's activities

For event and car registration information, call 301-309-3334.

Located on the grounds of Rockville Civic Center Park — Baltimore Road and East Edmonston Drive (603 Edmonston Drive)
For recorded directions, call 301-309-3007.

Hosted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville.

DON'T MISS THE MILLENNIUM DISPLAY!



Take a Self-Guided Tour of Art in Public Places Sculpture on the Grounds



Rockville Civic Center Park
September 23 through October 15

Juried Exhibit of Loaned Artwork by Regional Artists

- John Ferguson, Baltimore, Md.
- Randy Jewart, Washington, D.C.
- Charles B. Johnson, Potomac, Md.
- John Mors, Arlington, Va.
- Judith Simmons, Rockville, Md.



Brochures that include the artists' statements, artists' biographical information, and a map of the sculpture locations are available at Glenview Mansion.

Fill Your Fall with Arts Fun from Rockville

This fall, the City of Rockville has a vast array of exciting arts events planned for you and your family. Here is a schedule of the some of just a few of the fun events planned for October and November:

Dance Away the Blues (DAB)



October 13 • 8-10 p.m.
Rockville Senior Center

A little DAB will do ya! Put on your dancin' shoes and cut a rug with Rockville. There will be dancing to taped music, beverages for purchase, and free dance instruction of ballroom steps by Paul Mola. You must be 18 or older to attend. The cost is \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door.

Be there or be square! For more information, call 301-309-3340.

Friday Family Flicks



October 20 • 7 p.m. • *Breakfast at Tiffany's*
November 17 • 7 p.m. • *Citizen Kane*
December 15 • 7 p.m. • *It's a Wonderful Life*
Rockville Senior Center

Take in a free classic movie with Rockville. Popcorn and refreshments are available. For more information, call 301-309-3025.

Ladies First: Songs, Rhymes, & Times of the Presidents' Wives



November 16 • 1:30 p.m.
Rockville Senior Center

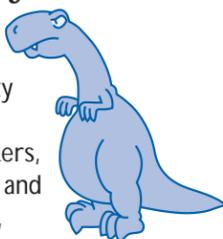
This star-spangled delight is staged on a set that captures the fashions of the First Ladies of the past 200 years. It's a real crowd pleaser that will warm your heart.

You must be 18 or older to attend this free event. For more information, call 301-309-3340.

Come Out and Enjoy Friday Family Frolics

Come out and enjoy an evening of family entertainment, arts and crafts, and board games at Rockville's Friday Family Frolics. This free event will take place at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center on Friday, Oct. 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday Family Frolics will feature a performance by Dinorockers, who will present "Dinosaur Babies," a show with huge puppets and award winning music. The Baby Triceratops, Big Bad Baby Rex, Doris the Stegosaurus, the Hadrosaur from Hackensack, and Mama Maiaasaura will tell tales about how fossils give us information about the natural world, instinctive behavior, geography, and how babies relate to the world. Along the way, you'll be introduced to rod, hand, marionette, and full body puppets whose tales are accompanied by music including waltz, rockabilly, swing, texmex, and ragtime.



Twinbrook Community Recreation Center is located at 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy. An adult must accompany children younger than 14.

For more information, call the Dept. of Recreation and Parks at 301-309-3340. ■



Pinneberg Sinfonietta to Perform in Rockville

On Monday, Oct. 23, and Wednesday, Oct. 25, the Pinneberg Sinfonietta will perform a free concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Rockville, 501 Mannakee St.

The Oct. 23 performance will include Bach's Double Concerto (BWV1043), Violin Concerto E Major (BWV1042), and Orchestral Suite C Major (BWV1066). The Oct. 25 program will include Bach's Violin Concerto A Minor (BWV1041), Violin Concerto E Major (BWV1042), and Orchestral Suite (BWV1066).

After the concerts, there will be a social get-together, which will provide an opportunity for the audience to meet the musicians from Pinneberg, Germany, and enjoy refreshments.

The Pinneberg Sinfonietta is a 25-member chamber orchestra from the Volkshochschule (similar to our adult education program) in Pinneberg, Rockville's Sister City. The Director of the Sinfonietta is Dr. Wolfgang Georgy, who has been the director since 1986.

The Sinfonietta last visited Rockville in 1992, when they played a concert at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

For more information, call Rockville's Department of Recreation and Parks at 301-309-3344. ■



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Fall Arts in Rockville

Glenview Mansion

at Rockville Civic Center Park
Art Exhibits, Second Floor, Free, Open to the Public
Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m.
Closed Official Holidays, Hours Subject to Change
Call 301-309-3001

Art Exhibits

OCTOBER 1-31

Francie Hester (paintings)
Joyce M. McCarten (paintings)
Claire M. Starr (paintings)

Opening Reception: Sunday, October 1, 1 to 4 p.m.
Artist Talk: Thursday, October 19, 7:30 p.m.
Guided Gallery Tour: Friday, October 20, 10 a.m.

NOVEMBER 5-28

Fire, Fabric, and Fiber
(curated by Susana M. Garten)

Works by 12 artists and fine craftsmen (varied media)
Opening Reception: Sunday, November 5, 1 to 4 p.m.
Artist Talk: Thursday, November 16, 7:30 p.m.
Guided Gallery Tour: Friday, November 17, 10 a.m.

DECEMBER 3-JANUARY 2

Rockville Art League
Varied Media, Juried Show

Opening Reception: Sunday, December 3, 1 to 4 p.m.

Sunday Afternoon Concerts

Free, No Tickets Required
Conservatory, First Floor

OCTOBER 1

2 p.m. • Mary Sue Twohy (Contemporary Folk)

NOVEMBER 5

2 p.m. • Iona (Celtic Music)

DECEMBER 3

1 to 4 p.m. • Holiday Open House (varied entertainment)

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre

National Chamber Orchestra

Concert Tickets: \$33 (center), \$25 (side), \$17 (far side)
Call 301-762-8580

OCTOBER 13 & 14

8 p.m. • Enrruiqe Graf, piano
Works by Bach, Makris, and Beethoven

NOVEMBER 24 & 25

8 p.m. • Robert Cohen, cello
Works by Barber, Haydn, Bloch, and Janacek

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DECEMBER 15 & 16

8 p.m. • Cantate Chamber Singers (Gisele Becker, director)
Works by Handel, Vivaldi, and Bach

Rockville Little Theatre

Solid Gold Cadillac

Tickets: \$10 (general admission), \$9 (seniors and students)
Call 301-340-1417

SEPTEMBER 29 AND 30

OCTOBER 6 AND 7

8 p.m.

OCTOBER 1

2:30 p.m.

Rockville Musical Theatre

Victor/Victoria

Tickets: \$12 (general admission), \$6 (students)
Call 301-446-2580

OCTOBER 26

8 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal/Senior Night

OCTOBER 27 AND 28

NOVEMBER 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, AND 18

8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 5

2:30 p.m.

Rockville Civic Ballet

The Nutcracker

Tickets: \$7 (general admission), \$5 (seniors and adults)
Call 301-309-3340

DECEMBER 2 AND 9

2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 3

1 and 4:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 10

2:30 p.m.

Rockville Concert Band

Free, Donations Accepted
Call 301-309-3340

NOVEMBER 19

3 p.m.

DECEMBER 17

Holiday Concert
3 p.m.

Rockville Community Chorus

Free, Donations Accepted
Call 301-309-3340

DECEMBER 17

Holiday Concert
7:30 p.m.